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*Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas*  
*L.A. County Board of Supervisors, 2<sup>nd</sup> District*

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**Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas Takes Steps to Bring Democratic Process to Los Angeles County Residents**

*'The expansion of public access will fully engage County constituents into the democratic process of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors'*

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY** – Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas is taking steps to make the deliberation process of the L.A. County Board of Supervisors meetings as transparent and public as possible.

"The Board of Supervisors is a strong body of government and the ability for our constituency to personally participate in the democratic process is extremely important and I intend to bring transparency to the process," said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas.

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas has asked the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Executive Officer of the Board to review the feasibility, logistics and costs of developing, planning and scheduling quarterly regular Board meetings in each of the five Supervisorial Districts on an alternating basis.

"Los Angeles County is comprised of more than 10 million residents and some are subject to restrictions that don't allow them access to travel to the Los Angeles Civic Center to participate in the mechanics of a Board meeting," said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas. "While Board meetings are currently available on the internet, community involvement and civic engagement can be substantially improved."

The motion to bring L.A. County Board of Supervisor meetings into the five Supervisorial Districts will be taken up for consideration by all Board members at the Tuesday, January 13, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting.

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